

# City of Woodburn

## Recreation and Park Board Minutes

April 13, 2010 • 7:00 p.m.



1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting and was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. **ROLL CALL**

Position I Zandi Cox, Member (12/10)	Present
Position II (Student) Alexa Morris, Member (7/10)	Absent
Position III Joseph Nicoletti, Board Secretary (12/13)	Present
Position IV Rosetta Wangerin, Board Chair (12/13)	Present
Position V Bruce Thomas, Member (12/13)	Absent
Position VI Cheryl Shepherd, Member (12/11)	Present
Position VII Charlene Williams, Member (12/11)	Present

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MARCH 9, 2010**

**Joseph Nicoletti/Zandi Cox** - Motion to accept the minutes as written. The motion passed unanimously.

4. **BUSINESS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

None.

5. **OLD BUSINESS**

**Woodburn Fiesta Mexicana**

Jim gave a brief history of the Fiesta and why the city became committed to see the event continue. This event, which will be held on August 6, 7 and 8 has a 45 year tradition and will continue through the efforts of many community leaders and businesses. He shared that the planning was going significantly well thanks to a solid group of people getting involved in various committees; marketing/finance, vendor, entertainment, security and Fiesta Court. The committee members, along with the city, are committed to maintain the Fiesta's cultural significance while making it appealing and affordable for all demographics. This year's entrance fee has been significantly lowered to \$3 for adults and \$1 per child. Jim stated that since there were no carnival companies available for the Fiesta dates, the committee has decided to create a Children's Fun Center with various inflatable bounce toys, a rock climbing wall, entertainers, clowns, art and crafts booths will be set up. The concept is to provide free activities along with ones that cost a fee, providing something for all families. While plans are being made to change a few things, traditional parade, adult soccer tournaments and court will continue. Plans to add Walt's Run and a youth soccer game is being worked out as well. Vendor booth cost was lowered which in turn will make the purchase price of food and non-food items affordable for families. Jim

also shared that the traditional radio station for the Fiesta has been Dallas KWIP, but this year they have partnered with Woodburn La Pantera KWBY in partnership to better serve the event. The Woodburn Fiesta Mexicana website is in the early stages of development. A sponsorship program is in place to help the city recover all costs of the event.

#### **Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant Program**

Jim gave a brief history on the grant timeline and application process. He then showed a few PowerPoint slides he presented to the grant committee. It included a rendering of the proposed playground with dinosaur bone swings and climbing equipment. The theme of the park follows the history of Woodburn's involvement in archeological digs. He said that the grant committee's main concern were parking and walking accessibility. Jim shared with the grant committee that Dan Brown, Public Works Director had submitted an ODOT grant that if awarded would provide funds for the design of a boardwalk trail system for Wyffels Park. Rosetta shared that she had written a mini grant to Woodburn Together and had been awarded a \$1,000 for the Wyffels Park project.

#### **6. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. None.

#### **7. DIVISION REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT**

##### **Aquatics – Debbie Wadleigh**

Debbie reported an increased participation during Spring Break with interest in swimming lessons. Chemeketa Community College brought in 22 participants through their credited swim class this session. Her staff is gearing up for April Pools Day, a water safety event taking place during open swim, Saturday, April 10<sup>th</sup> from 2:30 – 3:30pm. The day involves hands-on, self and staff taught and video driven activities. By children, adults and families participating in all activities they will receive two raffle tickets, one good towards a free session of swim lessons and the other good towards a free lifejacket. The Eggstravanganza activity on April 1<sup>st</sup>, was well received by participants. She is busy developing programs for the summer edition Out and About activity guide. Debbie shared that Stu and her were participating in several community health and safety fairs.

##### **Recreation – Stu Spence**

Youth Sports – T-Ball and Toss-Ball are underway with about 75 total players ages 3-7.

Adult Sports – Shootout SportsPlex in Hubbard is recruiting teams for Adult Soccer and they have a verbal commitment for 3 teams, but we need 8 teams to have a league. Deadline will be adjusted to accommodate late sign-ups. Co-ed Softball starts in June and we have partnered with Mt. Angel teams this year and the season have been extended to 8 weeks for \$450.00

Youth Advisory Board – had a successful talent show with 80 in attendance and their efforts raised \$125.00 for Red Cross for Haiti relief. They are volunteering at the Woodburn Pediatric Clinic reading to young children waiting to see the doctor. The YAB will also be participating in a Woodburn School Health Fair and the Day of the Child event this month.

PAL Grant – We have hired our AmeriCorps member to come on ½ time as the new Mentor Program Coordinator. She will be in charge of recruiting at least 50 local youth into the program that will meet with their mentors on a weekly basis. Kate is currently at training in Baltimore and will begin her duties when she gets back to launch the program. She will remain AmeriCorps through July 15 and do both jobs until then working 50 hours per week.

Easter Egg Hunt – Over 1,000 people in attendance and over 2,000 eggs at Legion Park on Thursday, April 1, 2010. This was a successful event, but next year will have a plan in place to provide eggs/treats for kids who didn't find any.

Day of the Child – This event will be held April 25<sup>th</sup> from noon – 8:00 p.m. in partnership with La Pantera.

Pitch Hit and Run – This skills competition event will take place with the baseball club on April 24<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m. at Centennial Park.

Arbor Day – This Tree Give-a-Way activity held on May 1<sup>st</sup> at Settlemier Park is possible thanks to the Networking Club of Woodburn. There will also be a coloring contest and educational opportunities.

### **Parks & Facilities** – Jim Row

#### **Mill Creek Greenway**

Jim reported that the ground is too wet for any work to be done, and permits are pending for the section of trail to the south of Wilson Street.

#### **Centennial Park**

A lot of work has been accomplished, but they are now waiting for the delivery of maintenance, concession and picnic shelter buildings. The structural permits will then be issued. The backstop fencing engineering has been completed and will be installed soon. Jim explained the issue involving the wet soils, drainage system and catch basins. He reported that drinking fountains are being installed in the three major parks; Legion, Settlemier and Centennial.

## **8. FUTURE BOARD BUSINESS**

None.

## **9. BOARD COMMENTS**

Zandi Cox - commented on maintenance concerns in the Centennial Park restrooms, and a need to create and maintain a safe pathway for spring baseball activities.

## **10. ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment of the meeting was 8:05 p.m.

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Joseph Nicoletti, Board Secretary

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Paulette Zastoupil, Recording Secretary

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